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FROM: Ninth Judicial Committee

MESSAGE:

We read your well-written and informative pieces in the Times yesterday, and believe the enclosed letter--addressed to Governor Cuomo, with a copy to Chief Judge Wachtler--will lend a different perspective to the litigation between them over the crisis in our courts.

It is very clear to us that Governor Cuomo has been working hard to build his political machine. Now is the time for him to show his "leadership" by repudiating even his most loyal backers when they are shown to be corrupt and to have perverted the democratic process. The Governor should be asked what he intends to do about the contents of the letter and whether he intends to appoint a special prosecutor to investigate the matter. The Chief Judge should also be queried as to the serious contentions which the letter sets forth, inter alia:

"The Court of Appeals' refusal to hear those cases [Castracan v. Colavita and Sady v. Murphy]--affecting as they did the lives, liberty and fortunes of millions of people in this State--says more about that Court's commitment to a quality judiciary and the true administration of justice--than all its public posturing in justification of Chief Judge Wachtler's current law suit..." (at p. 9)